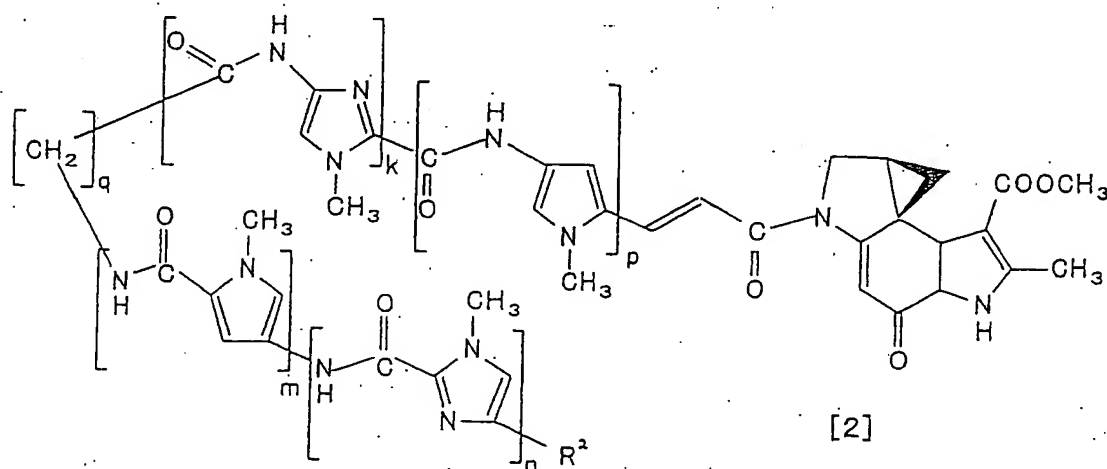


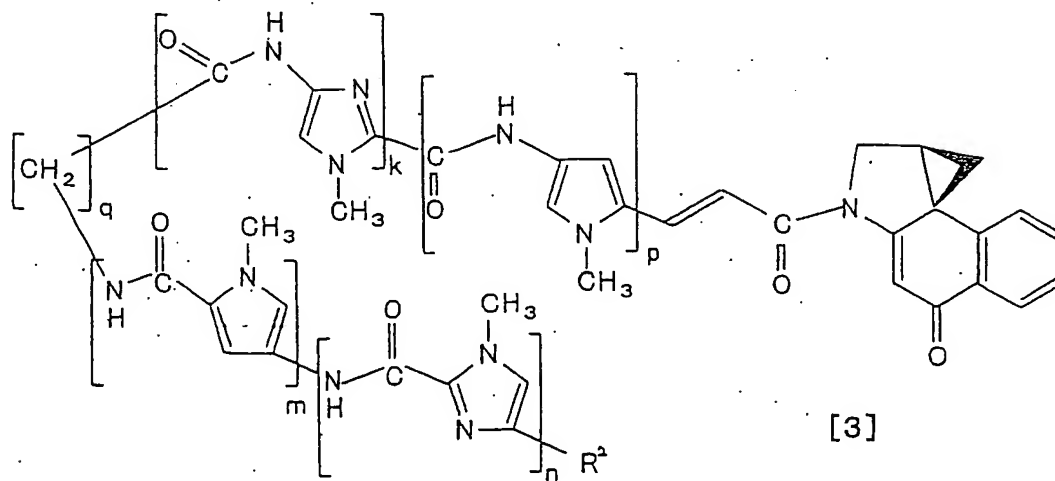
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A The hairpin polyamide having an alkylation reaction site via a vinyl linker on the terminal of a pyrrole-imidazole polyamide, according to Claim 1 wherein the hairpin polyamide is a compound represented by Formula [1][2]:



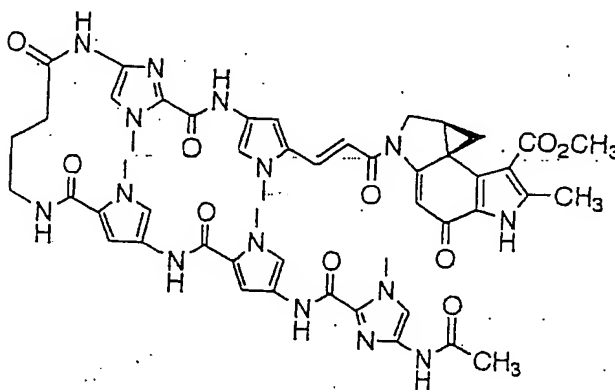
in which R^1 is an alkylation reaction site, R^2 is a hydrogen, an alkyl group or an acetamide group, and k, p, q, m and n represents a natural number from 1 to 10 respectively or Formula [3].



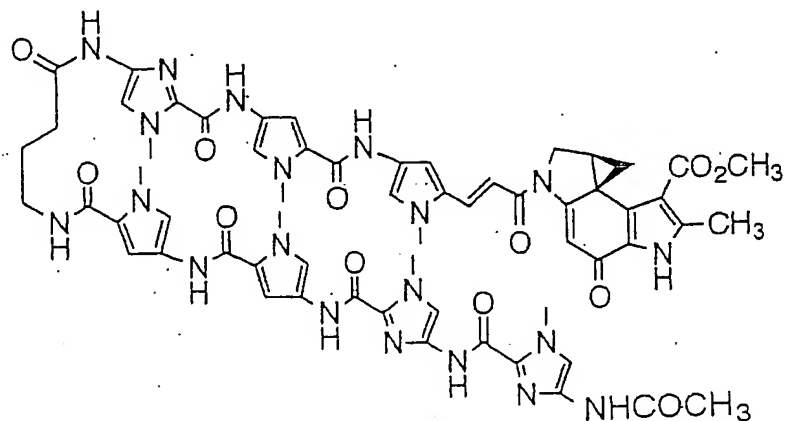
in which R^2 is a hydrogen, an alkyl group or an acetamide group, and k, p, q, m and n represents a natural number from 1 to 10 respectively.

3. (Cancelled)

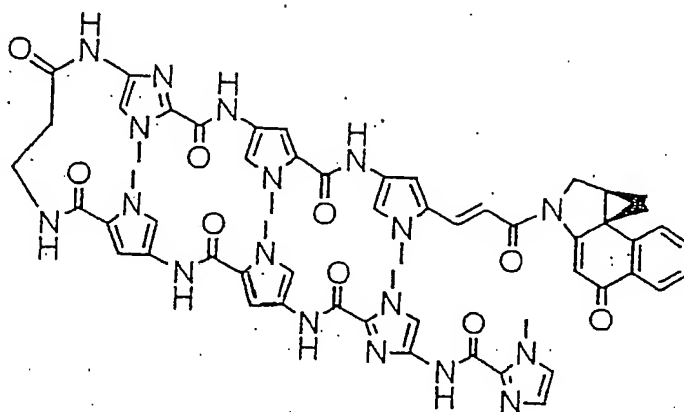
4. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 32 wherein the compound represented by Formula [2] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



6. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 32 wherein the compound represented by Formula [2] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



9. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 8₂ wherein the compound represented by Formula [3] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



10. (Currently Amended) An agent inhibiting the expression of a specific gene which comprises a hairpin polyamide according to any of Claims 2, 4-7 and 91 to 9.

11. (Original) An agent according to Claim 10 wherein said specific gene is an abnormal gene.

12. (Cancelled)